



Ysgol Gyfun

PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 15th December 2023

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 7

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is the seventh headteacher's letter of this academic year. I trust these letters are keeping parents/carers informed about what is happening at Penyrheol School.

This letter is shorter than normal as next week we are publishing the Termly School Newsletter. This will be a brilliant read and reflects the many and varied activities that our pupils have been involved in this term.

In the last two weeks, we have enjoyed welcoming in parents/carers of our Year 10 pupils for a face to face Progress Evening. Our Year 10 pupils have also been 'wowing' their teachers during their WBQ Enterprise and Employability Pitches.

Year 8 have had their 'action fortnight' where the pupils work on any 'gaps' that the recent in-class assessments have identified.

Year 11s have completed their mock exams and they have conducted themselves extremely well. Yesterday we had Christmas Dinner in the canteen....it was delicious. Yesterday Evening we enjoyed a wonderful Carol Concert at St Catherines Church. I am so proud of every pupil that contributed to such a joyous occasion.

This morning we welcomed parents/carers into school for our monthly ALN coffee morning. Coffee/tea and mince pies were the order of the day!

Sport

Most of our Sporting news will be covered in next week's termly newsletter.

In Girls Football, unfortunately the last 3 fixtures have been cancelled due to bad weather and flooded pitches, so we have not been able to play the games. Participation is still superb amongst the year 7, 8 and 9 pupils and they are very dedicated to football. Miss Davies reports that this is incredibly rewarding to coach.

A few Netball fixtures were cancelled last week by other schools so we had practice sessions instead. We did however, play three fixtures against Bryntawe and the results were as follows:

Year 9 v Ysgol Gyfun Bryntawe - Won 12-2. Player of the match - Ellie Pennino

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The Year 9 team remain undefeated so far this season! What a great achievement!
Year 10 'Red' v Ysgol Gyfun Bryntawe Year 11 - Lost 6-5. Players of the match - Carys Alves & Kamsi Ebisi
Year 10 'Blue' v Ysgol Gyfun Bryntawe Year 11 - Lost 10-3.
A real commendable performance by both Year 10 teams who were playing against Year 11 opposition. Well done to all girls!

In Boys Football, our Year 8s played Gowerton in what turned into a titanic battle. The match finished 5-5. Both teams put in superb performances. Although the boys were leading 5-4 with a minute left only to concede a last minute equaliser, a draw was a fair result.

Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday

The 5 pupils nominated by their year teams for the fortnightly 'Hot Chocolate Friday' were Morgan (Year 7), Sofia (Year 8), Henry (Year 9), and Hollie (Year 10). Our Year 11 nominee will have to wait as she was sitting a mock exam.



These 4 pupils have embodied our core values over the last 2 weeks.

Morgan always shows **Respect**. He is a polite and helpful pupil. He has settled at Penyrheol very well and he offers his time to help others.

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Sofia is also nominated for her **Respect**. Sofia is a delightful, friendly and helpful and an extremely conscientious pupil. She is a joy to have in the year group.

Henry also epitomises **Respect**. Henry is a delightful pupil and he always treats staff and his peers with wonderful manners, courtesy and respect.

The way Hollie conducts herself in school helps everyone around her to feel like they **Belong**. Hollie has well over 100 achievement points and throws herself into extra-curricular activities. The year team are proud to have Hollie in their year group.

Congratulations to all our winners. Who will it be next time?

Standards

Attendance over the last two weeks has stayed around the 85% mark. Wherever possible, please ensure your child attendance school. Missing school means missing out on learning.

Parents/carers can track their child's achievement and behaviour points on the ClassCharts app. The information below shows the average achievement and behaviour points that a pupil in each year group has accrued **since the start of September**. This may be a useful comparison when you look at your child's points. To compare, open up the ClassCharts App, click on behaviour, click on the calendar icon and select 'Since August'.

Average achievement and behaviour points since the start of September:

Year	Achievement Points	Behaviour Points
7	171	4
8	127	16.6
9	107	16.6
10	107	13
11	71	12

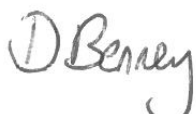
In the last 14 weeks (since the start of September), the average Penyrheol pupil has had nearly 9 achievement points for every behaviour point they have been given. We are very proud of this fact.

Please keep an eye out for the Christmas Newsletter that comes out next week. It really is a cracker!!

I wish the whole school community a happy and peaceful Christmas. The Spring term begins on Monday 9th January.

Nadolig llawen a blwyddyn newydd ddai gyfeillion Ysgol Gyfun Penyrheol.

Yours faithfully,



Damian Benney

Headteacher

Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks

Date	Event
Monday 18 th December	Flu vaccinations
Tuesday 19 th December	Channel 4 Schools Careers Event (library) Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 20 th December	Channel 4 Schools Careers Event (library) Flu vaccinations Christmas Term Newsletter Published
Thursday 21 st December	Year 8 Reports Issued Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day Rocking around the Christmas tree (lunchtime)
Friday 22 nd December	INSET DAY
Monday 8 th January	Spring Term Starts for Pupils
Tuesday 9 th January	
Wednesday 10 th January	
Thursday 11 th January	
Friday 12 th January	MP Tonia Antoniazzi visit to Penyrheol lesson 5 (theatre)

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